

James A. Hamilton House
Westmont Neighborhood
200 Fayette Street
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Cambria County
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Location: 200 Fayette Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large, two-and-a-half-story, wood-framed, gambrel-roofed house for a single family. A tri-part, two-story bay window has transoms filled with stucco panels ornamented with swags and garlands. Hipped-roof porch with slender, Doric columns. An oval stained glass window with a stylized diamond motif in the entry. One-story ell addition at rear.

History: On September 15, 1891, James A Hamilton bought this property at the corner of Fayette Street and Second Avenue. Hamilton had built a house on the property by 1895. His occupation is listed as a roll turner in the 1895 and 1900 tax assessment records.

Sources:

Deed Vol. 78, p. 452; Vol. 235, p. 8; Vol. 295, p. 242; Vol. 379, p. 499; Vol. 512, p. 598; Vol. 657, p. 298; and Vol. 1192, p. 46. Cambria County Registry of Deeds, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Westmont Borough Tax assessment records 1895-1900. Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Project Information: This report was part of a larger project to document the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), Robert Kapsch, chief, at the request of America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP). An overview of history of the city (HABS No. PA-5669) and an overview of the neighborhood of Westmont (HABS No. PA-5671) provide context for these buildings as well as a comprehensive list of sources. See also additional HABS reports on buildings in the downtown and other neighborhoods.

This report was prepared by Cheryl Powell in August 1988 under the direction of Alison K. Hoagland, HABS historian, and Kim E. Wallace, the supervisory historian of the project. Powell's and other project historians' work was published as The Character of a Steel Mill City: Four Historic Neighborhoods of Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Washington, D.C.: HABS/HAER, National Park Service, 1989), edited by Kim E. Wallace. Illustrations in the publication include large format photographs taken by HAER photographer Jet Lowe and 35 mm photographs taken by the project historians.